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# Caledonian Mercury

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A short Account of all the most considerable News,  
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Tuesday December 31, 1723.

From the Evening Post, Dec. 26.

Since our last arrived 1 Mail from Holland.

Amsterdam, Dec. 16.

**T**HEY write from Brussels, That Orders have been sent by the Regency to all the Governours of the Frontier Places, in the Austrian low Countries, to take all possible Precautions against a Surprise, reinforce their Guards, neither open nor shut their Gates before a Detachment has been out and patroul'd, never to suffer above 10 Men to enter the Gates together, stop all suspected Persons, carefully examine and search all Carts or Waggon's loaded with Hay or Straw, before they enter the City; but those Letters do not say on what Account so much Caution is to be used.

Stockholm, November 28. Mr. Basöwits, Minister of the Duke of Holstein, is upon his Departure to return to the most serene Prince his Master, and give an Account of the good Success of his Negotiations. The Present design'd by this Court for that Minister, is double the Value of what is usually given to Ministers of foreign Princes: The same is to consist of Medals of Gold representing the whole Family of Gustavus. 'Tis said besides, That at his Departure a Writing will be delivered to him, containing a Resolution very favourable for the Duke his Master, concerning the important Point of the Succession to the Crown of Sweden.

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*From the Whitehall Evening Post.*

*Vienna, Dec. 15.* Some Councils have been held at Court, as well on Occasion of the Death of the Duke of Orleans, as in Relation to the Affairs of Religion in the Empire; and 'tis said, his Imperial Majesty has resolv'd to send an Ambassador extraordinary to France.

*Hamburg, Dec. 21.* The King of Prussia has established at Berlin, a College for Physick, Anatomy, Chymistry and Surgery, where Foreigners as well as Natives, may have Instruction gratis, his Prussian Majesty having appointed a Fund for the Maintenance of seven Professors, and for other Expences.

*Offend, Dec. 22.* The three Ships design'd for the East Indies, carrying each 26 Guns, are the Count de Laing, the Town of Bruges, and the St. Francis Xavier; the first is bound to Bengal, and the other two to China.

*Petersburg, Nov. 29.* Our Monarch has sent to the Senate, a Declaration, sign'd with his own Hand, requiring the necessary Preparations to be made for crowning the Empress at Moscow, with the Formalities used by the ancient Greek Emperors; and those who are to assist in the Ceremony, are to hold themselves ready to go to that Capital as soon as the Roads are made passible by the Snows, which 'tis believed will be in a Fortnight or three Weeks, the Rivers being already frozen, so as People can cross them on Foot. The Duke of Holstein is well satisfied with the Resolution taken in his Favour by the States of Sweden, according to which that Prince expects to be next in Rank to the Succession, in case the King and Queen of Sweden happen to die without Issue.

*Constantinople, Nov. 4.* 'Tis not doubted but the Sultan has resolv'd on a War against the Russians, because another great Convoy of Money and Ammunition is sent to Asoph.

*From the Flying Post.*

*Inspruck, Dec. 12.* Earnest Prayers are incessantly put up to Heaven, That the Empress may happily be delivered of a Prince. A famous Cabalist of this Country, has consulted his Cabala, to know when the Archduke who is so impatiently desired, will be born, and finds that it will be in the Year 1724. The following are the Cyphers of his mysterious conjecturing Book.

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*Edic Cabala, quo anno nascetur Archidux.*

*From the London Gazette.*

*Vienna, Dec. 15.* N. S. Letters from Constantinople, dated the 7th of last Month, give Account, that the Bassa of Bagdad had taken Possession of two great Persian Towns called Scharnanshach and Hamedan, lying upon the Road to Isfahan; and that a Seraskier with another Body of Turkish Forces, after having taken a considerable Town called Gomgia had reduced the whole Province of Schirvan, except Baxu, and was besieging Erivan the Capital of the Province of that Name.

*Hanover, Dec. 18.* N. S. On the 11th Instant M. Chavigni, the French Minister having received Dispatches by a Courier from Paris, desired an Audience of his Majesty, and delivered to him a Letter from the Most Christian King and also a Letter from the Duke of Bourbon, on Occasion of the Death of the Duke of Orleans.

*From the Evening Post.*

*London, Dec. 24.* On Sunday last the Bishop of London ordain'd 22 Priests and Deacons, at the Cathedral of St. Paul's.

*Vienna*

*Vienna, Dec. 11.* We hear there are several Competitors for the Bishoprick of Liege, vacant by the Death of the late Elector of Cologne: 'Tis given out, that the Emperor will use his Interest to procure that Dignity to the Cardinal de Sax-Zeits, wherein he will be opposed by the Court of France, who supports the Prince of Auvergne, on the other Hand, 'tis said the Chapter of Liege intends to chuse their own Dean but notwithstanding that great Struggle, 'tis thought the new Elector of Cologne will carry it.

*Cologne, Dec. 21.* The Clergy of this City have Notice given them, that the Corps of our late Elector is to be brought from Bonn the 3d of next Month, when they are to go in a Body and meet him a little way out of Town, and attend him to our Cathedral.

*Frankfort, Dec. 19.* Part of the Baggage of Prince Maximilian of Hesse Cassel, is already arrived here from Sweden. 'Tis now talked that the Religious Grievances are going to be redressed very speedily, the Emperor being fully resolv'd to use military Execution against such as shall neglect doing Justice to their Subjects, within a time that shall be prescribed.

*Vienna, Dec. 15.* His Imperial Majesty express'd much concern for the Death of the Duke of Orleans, who by his Prudence and Moderation contributed so much to maintain Peace in Europe, and to the restoring of a good Understanding between this Court and that of Spain.

*Constantinople, Nov. 4.* The Marquis de Bonac, Ambassador of France, having solicited particular Privileges in Favour of such French Clergy as are willing to settle in the Morea; the Visier answered him, That the Grand Seignior was ready to grant them, provided those Ecclesiasticks would bring a good Number of People with them to erect Colonies, who should enjoy the same Privileges they did in France, paying only a Ducate yearly per Head, and the same Duties as are paid by the Turks.

*Paris, Dec.* On the 20th Instant M. de la Fanchette was finally tried by the Commission of the Arsenal, his Pretention of the 11 Millions due to him from the Crown was set aside, and he was sentenced to pay to his Majesty three Millions eight hundred and sixty six thousand Livres. Last Week the Council appointed Officers who are to make up the House of the Duke of Orleans.

*London, Dec. 24.* Last Sunday about two of the Clock in the Afternoon arrived at Whitehall, one of his Majesty's Messengers, who brought Letters giving an Account, That on Friday the 13th Instant, the Lord Viscount Townshend and the Lord Carteret came to Helvoetsluys, and that on Saturday Morning the 14th, his Majesty with his Retinue arrived there, on board the *Saints* Yachts from Varet: His Majesty was in perfect good Health, and design'd to proceed for England the first fair Wind, the Yachts and Convoy could put to Sea with.

*From the Flying Post, December 26.*

*Petersburg, Nov. 29.* The Czar has sent magnificent Presents by the Persian Ambassador to the Sophi his Master, particularly his Picture set with Diamonds, and a Sabre adorn'd with Jewels, to a great Value.

*Rome, Decem. 4.* The Princesses and the other Ladies of Quality here have agreed to stop their Coaches whenever they meet those of the Pretender or his Lady, in order to make them their Compliments. Last Sunday-se'nnight the Chevalier and his Lady regaled Cardinal Gualtieri at Dinner, where were present the following Ladies of the Bed-chamber, viz. The Princesses de Piombino, Palestrine and Salviati, and the Dutchess de Triano. The Garter of the French Duke de Laifune, lately deceas'd, which was conferr'd on him by King James II. is returned by Order of the Duke de Biron: But whether it will be conferred on the young Chevalier, or on the Lord Mar, as some think, Time must discover.

*Stockholm, Decem. 5.* Among other Resolutions of the late Diet, 'twas agreed to reject the Proposals of Stanislaus, the dethroned King of Poland; To send a Minister to Warsaw, to accommodate the Differences betwixt this Crown and that of Poland, and to procure to the Protestants the free Exercise of their Religion.

*Wye's*



Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Dec. 26, 1723.

**T**HEY write from Bostoun in New-England, That on the first of September last died there, the Reverend Dr. Increase Mather, in the 85 Year of his Age. He was born at Dorchester, and signalized himself in many publick Appearances, particularly in an Agency for his Country at the British Court, and as President of Harward College; he had also been a Minister of the Gospel for 66 Years.

The Judges have entertain'd at their Houses one of the old East-Indians in New-England, John Guiltancy: He is reckoned to be about 112 Years old: He is now in good Health, has his Understanding and Memory very entire, considering his great Age, and is capable of traveling on Foot 10 Miles in a Day.

By the last Foreign Mails, there came Advice, that two large Men of War lately put to Sea from Toulon, and several others were getting ready in that Harbour with the utmost Diligence, in order to go to Tunis and Tripoli to obtain Satisfaction for the ill Treatment of some French Vessels by the Corsairs of these two Ports, who 'tis said, took out of one of the said Vessels near 20000 Pieces of Eight.

Some Accounts from Italy say, that a Negociation was on Foot between the Courts of Madrid and Turin, and that the King of Sardinia had ordered his Viceroy to send to Barcelona all those Pieces of Ordinance which he finds in the Island marked with the Arms of Spain. The Imperialists have augmented and reinforced their Garrisons upon the Frontiers of Tuscany and Parma, and that the Emperor was solicited to send more Troops to Sicily for better Security and Defence of that Island.

In the mean Time, we cannot but hope that the next Mails will give us the News of the Opening of the Cambray Congress, especially considering we have been lately told from the Accounts published by Authority, That all Things which had heretofore retarded the Opening of the said Congress were fully adjusted, and the Ceremonies agreed to by all Parties interested therein.

P. S. A Holland Mail is just arrived, The Letters by it advise, That the King of Great Britain was still detained by contrary Winds at Helvoetsluis, but was in very good Health, and had dispatched thence an Express to Hanover; and that Count Staremberg the Imperial Ambassador had received another from Vienna. That the French Minister at the Russian Court was treating for vast Quantities of Timber to build Ships of War for the Service of the King his Master.

That the Czar finding a War was unavoidable with the Ottoman Porte, was very solicitous to renew his Alliance, particularly with the Roman Emperor; and to take into his Service all foreign Officers. 'Tis said the King of Poland refuses to recognize his Title of Emperor of Russia, without the Consent of the Republic.

Letters from Warsaw say, That a great Body of the Turkish Army was marching from Wallachia and Moldavia, towards Bender, near which Place, they are to form a Camp.

They add, That the Grand Marishal of the Crown Army had ordered the General Officers to be ready to march with Intent to observe the Motions of the Tartars on the Side of Ukrania.

They write from Hull, That George Crowle Esq; a Gentleman of a very good Character, stands fair to be elected Member of Parliament for that Corporation, in the Room of Sir William St. Quintin deceased.

'Tis conjectured that there will be a further Prorogation of the Parliament.

South Sea Annuities 101 one half per Cent.

Yesterday dyed Col. Duncan M'kenzie formerly of the Scots Guards.

We hear his Majesty was invited by the States to the Hague, but he excused himself as staying only for a Wind to embark for his British Dominions.

### Advertisement.

||\*|| The Good Ship named The Anne Galley of Kirkaldie, Captain John Barclay Commander, Burden One hundred and ten Tuns, or thereby, Free built, with her full Furniture, as she now lies in the Harbour of Leith, is to be Exposed to Sale by way of Publick Voluntary Roup, upon Friday the Third of January next, 1724, betwixt the Hours of Two and Four of the Clock after Noon, in the House of George Miln Merchant upon the Shore of Leith, where the Inventory of the said Ship may be seen, and at the Laigh Coffee-house in Edinburgh.

## A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

**T**HAT the Lands and Barony of *Thornydikes*, lying within the Parochine of *Woolstruther*, and Sheriffdom of *Berwick*, is to be exposed to Sale by a publick voluntary Roup, in *February* next, upon the Day and in the Place hereafter to be notified the Rental whereof, is wholly in Money, and extends to 2393 L. 13 s. 4 d. besides Kain, and the Service of winning of Peats by the Tenants, who are bound to leave Steel-bow-Straw. The Lands hold of the Sovereign Taxward, the Duties are pretty easy, the Rental may be considerably improved; there is no Stipend paid to the Minister, the Tiends being valued at 108 L. yearly, payable to a Tacksman; and the Heritor near 30 Years since, obtain'd Decreet of Sale. The School-Master's Fee is 8 L. Scots, and the Cess is 13 L. 7 s. per Month. The Lands are furnished with a commodious slated Mansion-House and good Office-Houses, with a Garden, and two Grass-Yards not to be rented. It lies a Mile from the Paroch Church, 15 Miles from *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, on the *East*, 12 Miles from *Caldstream*, and 9 Miles from *Kelso* on the *South*, 3 Miles from the Burgh of *Lawder* on the *West*; and 7 Miles from the Town of *Dunee* on the *North-East*. The Person concerned in the Roup (who is to be found in the *Ligh-Coffee-House* in *Edinburgh*) will satisfy any Buyer concerning the Progress of Rights, the Rental of each Farm, with the Conditions of Sale, &c.

That the Lands and Barony of *Neuck*, a ten Pound Land, holding of the Crown, with a good Dwelling-house and Office-houses, Pigeon-house, Garden, Planting and Inclosures, with a growing Wood, in a few Years fit for Cutting, situate very pleasantly on the Banks of the *Water of Euan*, being near Eighty five Pound Sterling of yearly Rent, and having the Superiority of Lands belonging to others, of about two Hundred and thirty Pound Sterling of yearly Value; all lying about thirteen Miles from *Edinburgh*, and two Miles from *Linlithgow*, are to be exposed to publick voluntar Roup, on Thursday the second Day of January next, in the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner in *Edinburgh*, betwixt Two and Three a Clock in the Afternoon. The Rental, Conditions of Roup, and Progress of Writs are to be seen in the Hands of Alexander Guthrie Writer to the Signet, at his Writing Chamber opposite to the Tolbooth of *Edinburgh*.

[WHEREAS]

**W** H E R E A S it was formerly advertis'd, That the Lands and Barony of *Carnbee*, holding taxward of the Crown, with a Tenement and six Acres of Land in *Overkellie*, holding Blench of the Earl of *Kellie*, all lying within the Shire of *Fife*, and of the yearly Rent formerly advertis'd, were to be expos'd to Sale by voluntary Roup, upon *Tuesday* the 7th of *January* 1724, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 5 in the Afternoon, within the House of *John Steel* Vintner in *Edinburgh*. These do notify, That the foresaid Diet appointed for the Sale of the said Lands, is adjourn'd to *Thursday* the 16th of the said Month of *January* 1724, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 5 in the Afternoon, and that they shall then peremptorily be expos'd in the Place formerly advertis'd without any further Continuati-on. The Progress, Rental and Conditions of Roup, being to be seen in the Hands of *William Forbes* Writer to the Signet, at his writing Chamber in the Parliament Clofs of *Edinburgh*.

† On *Munday* the 20th *January*, 1724, betwixt three and four of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the House of *Patrick Herdman* Vintner in *Edinburgh*. Is to be expos'd to voluntary Roup and Sale, two Lodgings, the one in *Car-rubber's* Stone-land opposite to *Forrester's* Wynd Head in the *Landmercat*, *Edin-burgh*; being the fourth Story, consisting of five Fire-rooms, Studies and other Conveniencies; the other in *Miln's* Court at the *Weighhouse* of *Edinburgh*, East Side of the Court fourth Story, consisting of four Fire-rooms, one Study, Garret and Cellar. The Conditions of Roup and Progress of the Rights are to be seen in the Hands of *James Haliburton*, Writer in *Edinburgh*, at Mr. *Alexander Hamilton* of *Dashmont's* Writing-chamber.

† These are to advertise, That the annual general Meeting of the *Friendly Contributors* of *Edinburgh*, is to be held on *Monday* the 13th. of *January* next, at 3 o'Clock Afternoon, in *Mary's* Chapel; where all concerned are desired to be present.

\* \* \* That upon the Sixth Day of *January* next, in the House of *Patrick Herdman* Vintner in *Edinburgh*, in the Writers Court there, between 3 and 4 a-clock in the Afternoon, will be expos'd to voluntary Roup and Sale, a Laigh House or Cellar, consisting of Six Rooms, whereof 4 are Fire-rooms; a back Vault, and a large fore Vault, lying at the Head of *Bell's* Wynd. The Conditions of Roup and Progress of the Writs are to be seen in the Hands of *Andrew Geddes* Writer in *Edinburgh*, at his House at the Bank-close Head.

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